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App. No. : 10/821,969  
Applicant : Marieke Iwema, *et al.*  
Filed : April 12, 2004  
Group Art Unit: 2173  
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Confirmation No. 3099

Docket No. : MFCP.110967  
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**STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF FILING**  
**ON BEHALF OF NON-SIGNING INVENTOR (37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a))**

Dear Sir:

This statement is made to the exact facts that are relied upon to establish the diligent effort made to secure the execution of the declaration by the non-signing inventor of the above-identified patent application.

I. The Inventors of the claims of the application are identified on the enclosed declaration and include: Marieke Iwema Watson, Kelly E. Rollin, Oliver C. Lee, Stephen P Proteau, Colin R. Anthony, and Robert M. Girling.

II. All of the inventors have signed the declaration with the exception of Robert M. Girling.

III. The last known address of Robert M. Girling is:

9647 Observation Drive  
Kirkland, WA 98033  
US Citizen

IV. After diligent efforts, I have been unable to obtain the signature of Mr. Girling on the declaration and Mr. Girling has refused to sign the declaration as evidenced by the facts below.

A. On March 23, 2004 and April 5, 2004, we attempted to contact Mr. Girling through his employer, the Microsoft Corporation. On April 5, 2004, we learned that his employment had terminated and received his last known address. See Exhibit A.

B. On April 7, 2004, we sent the patent specification and patent drawings to Mr. Girling, along with a declaration and assignment for his signature. We requested that he return signed copies of the assignment and declaration by April 12, 2004. See Exhibit B.

C. On Monday, August 2, Robert Girling contacted co-inventor Marieke Watson after receiving her email, also dated August 2, to inform her that he was "not really interested" in being on the patent. See Exhibit C.


D. On Friday, August 20, I contacted Robert Girling by email to advise him that we are required to obtain signatures from all inventors. See Exhibit D. Mr. Girling did not respond to this email.

E. On September 17, 2004, we forwarded a copy of the application as filed, assignment, and declaration to Mr. Girling via Express Mail, again explaining the documents and requesting his signature. See Exhibit E.

F. On Thursday, September 23, I received an email from Mr. Girling informing us that he is unwilling to sign the assignment and declaration documents. See Exhibit F.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 25, 2004

  
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**Cruz-Boyden, Romana "Lynn" (SHB)**



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**From:** David Stone (LCA) [dstone@microsoft.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2004 1:28 PM  
**To:** Cruz-Boyden, Romana "Lynn" (SHB)  
**Subject:** RE: MS#302800.01 (Our Reference:

I don't show him as an employee any longer. But here is his info.  
Robert M. Girling - U.S. citizen  
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Thanks, David

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**From:** Cruz-Boyden, Romana "Lynn" (SHB) [mailto:RBOYDEN@shb.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2004 10:11 AM  
**To:** David Stone (LCA)  
**Subject:** MS#302800.01 (Our Reference: MFCP.110967)

David,

Robert Girling is listed as an inventor on the invention disclosure that we received for MS#302800.01. I am unable to find his name listed on the Inventor Address List located on the Patent Group Outside Counsel website. Does he still work for Microsoft? Is there another way to find out his address and country of citizenship for the formal documents?

Thank you in advance for your help.

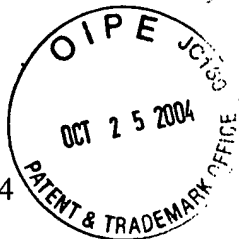
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
PROVIDING AN INTERACTIVE DISPLAY  
Microsoft Reference No.: MS#302800.01  
Our Reference No.: MFCP.110967

Dear Mr. Girling:

The four enclosures include a revised patent application, patent drawings, a declaration, and an assignment. The patent application has been revised in accordance with the comments provided by Steve Proteau.

By signing the attached declaration, you will be swearing that you are an inventor of the claimed subject matter and you will be enabling us to prosecute this patent application in the USPTO on your behalf. By signing the attached assignment, you will be assigning your rights in the application to Microsoft.

Please review the application to verify that you are an inventor and review the assignment and declaration documents to verify your address and citizenship information. We will be filing this application on **Monday, April 12, 2004**. Accordingly, please sign the assignment and declaration documents next to your name and fax them back to us at 202-783-4211. You may also scan the documents and email them or return them in the enclosed postage-paid envelope if you prefer.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions, please contact Lynn CruzBoyden or me at 202-783-8400 or by email.

Very truly yours,

Kerry H. Owens

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**Cruz-Boyden, Romana "Lynn" (SHB)**

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**From:** Robert Girling [robtgir@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 02, 2004 5:32 PM  
**To:** Marieke Watson (IWEMA); Cruz-Boyden, Romana "Lynn" (SHB)  
**Subject:** Re: patent for carousel

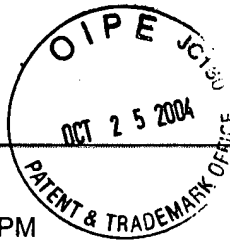
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You can reach her at:  
Thanks,  
marieke

**Owens, Kerry H. (SHB)**



**From:** Owens, Kerry H. (SHB)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 20, 2004 3:14 PM  
**To:** 'robtgir@hotmail.com'  
**Subject:** MS 302800.01/MFCP.110967

Rob,

I am the outside counsel who filed the patent application for the Carousel concept. I hate to bother you with patent details and I understand that you are no longer with Microsoft. Unfortunately, to fulfill legal obligations, this communication is necessary.

We filed the application several months ago. All of the other inventors have signed a declaration and assignment that have your name on it.

Unfortunately, we can't take your name off the patent unless you are telling us that you were not an inventor. Inventorship is determined by the claims of the application. Please review the claims of the attached application (pages 19-22). If you are not an inventor, please let us know so that we can take appropriate steps.

Alternatively, if you determine that you are an inventor, please sign and return the documents via facsimile (202-783-4211) or by scanning signed copies in and emailing them. We would also be happy to send a postage paid envelope if you prefer.

If we don't hear from you either way (that you are an inventor or that you are not), then it is likely that you will receive some further communications from Microsoft.

Thanks very much for your time and sorry for the inconvenience.  
 Kerry

[Owens, Kerry H. (SHB)] -----Original Message-----

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September 17, 2004



Kerry H. Owens

**VIA EXPRESS MAIL**

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Filed: April 12, 2004  
Microsoft No.: 302800.01  
Our Ref.: MFCP.110967

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By signing the attached declaration, you will be swearing that you are an inventor of the claimed subject matter and you will be enabling us to prosecute this patent application in the USPTO on your behalf. By signing the attached Assignment, you will be assigning your rights in the application to Microsoft.

If you do not intend to sign the documents, please communicate this to us, so that we can take appropriate action in the USPTO. We will contact you repeatedly until we either receive the signed documents or a statement from you that you have no intention on signing the documents. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

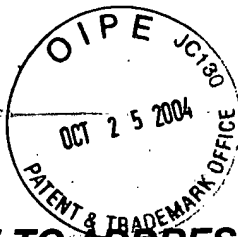
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry H. Owens".

Kerry H. Owens

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